

George Washington Carver National Monument

National Park Service
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Weddings at George Washington Carver National Monument

If you are interested in getting married at George Washington Carver National Monument, the following information will be helpful in making your plans. A Special Use Permit (SUP) is required to hold a wedding within the park. Until a Special Use Permit is approved and issued, the requested date cannot be guaranteed. Follow the guidelines outlined below to ensure that your permit is in place in time for your special occasion.

Locations: Weddings are only permitted in the picnic area and the grounds around the picnic area of George Washington Carver National Monument (map of the area is attached). A visit to the park to view the area is highly recommended prior to finalizing your plans. The Special Use Permit does not allow your ceremony to restrict other park visitors from your chosen location nor does it guarantee you a specific site.

Permit Fees: A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 is required to reserve a date on the park calendar and must be enclosed with your Special Use Permit Application Form. **A cashiers check, money order, or personal check must be made payable to the National Park Service with your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number noted on your check.** Application fees are not refundable. Application Fees are not refundable. Amounts over \$1,000 must be in the form of a business or certified check.

National Park Service will charge a fee and recovery costs for special park use permits unless prohibited by law or executive order, or when the proposed use is protected by the First Amendment or involves another right and not a privilege. If administration of an SUP requires the park to incur additional costs, the Permittee will be assessed those costs in addition to application fee. Additional charges may be incurred for administrative services, overtime, repairing/restoring/cleaning resources, security, or similar costs associated with the event. Any additional costs will be required to be paid at the time of the issuance of the Special Use Permit. The Permittee shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from this use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the Permittee is authorized to make of the land described in this permit. Such damages would be billed to the Permittee after the event.

Applications: Complete the *Application for Special Use Permit (Form 10-930)*. Please review and sign the **Terms & Conditions** below and submit them with your permit application. These terms & conditions outline the specific requirements and restrictions of the permit. The permit application requires that you include either a tax ID number or social security number. This number is required by Federal Code 31 USC 7701c from a person or organization doing business with the Federal government and can be used to collect and/or report delinquent debt. Mail the completed application as well as the signed terms and conditions document and the application fee of \$50.00 to: George Washington Carver National Monument, Attn: Special Park Uses Coordinator, 5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840. Applications must be received at least two weeks prior to your requested date.

Permits: If your application is approved, a Special Use Permit will be prepared and mailed to you for signature. Upon receipt, please review, sign and return the permit along with any additional cost recovery fees to our office for the Superintendent's signature. After the Superintendent signs the permit, a copy of the permit as well as the signed terms and conditions packet will be forwarded to you. *The approved, signed permit copy must be in your possession at the time of your event.*

Terms & Conditions: To maintain park natural and cultural resources and quality visitor experiences the following restrictions and requirements apply to Special Use Permits for weddings:

1. The Federal Government, its agents and employees, cannot be held liable for claims for damages or suits for any injury or deaths from any cause occasioned by the Permittee's occupancy and use of the land and facilities included within the permit.
2. Permits are issued only for the use of approved areas and during the designated times as outlined in the permit. This permit may not be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Superintendent, in writing.
3. The Permittee is prohibited from giving false information; to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation [Re: 36 CFR 2.32(4)].

4. If required, all liability insurance policies are to name the U.S. Government, National Park Service, George Washington Carver National Monument as a co-insured and shall specify that the insurance company shall have no right to subrogation against the United States and shall have no recourse against the Government for payment of any premium or assessment. A certificate of insurance indicating that the required insurance is in effect shall be provided by the Permittee to the Special Park Uses Coordinator prior to the commencement of any activities authorized under this permit.
5. No personal monetary gains will be derived from the use of special use permits. The sale or free distribution of food to the public or participants is prohibited unless approved in the permit and all U.S. Public Health Service Standards are met.
6. Those conducting and participating in events shall maintain good order and proper decorum. Public safety and general welfare will not be endangered.
7. The Permittee and participants will not disturb, adversely effect, alter, damage or remove any natural/cultural resources, archeological or historic artifacts. Digging, scraping, chiseling or defacing natural features is prohibited.
8. Structures, including tents and portable pavilions may not be erected.
9. Historical buildings or other structures may be used as backdrop only. Buildings cannot be used for attachments (such as banners or flowers) or be incorporated into the ceremony as a stage.
10. Access to the area must be kept open to the public and weddings cannot interfere in any manner with normal visitor activity. The park will not exclude nor allow Permittee to exclude other park visitors from the site during the wedding ceremony.
11. All vehicles (including motorcycles) for the wedding party must be parked in designated parking areas. Carpooling is recommended; parking may be limited in some areas. Handicapped parking restrictions will be enforced.
12. Affixing directional signage to existing buildings, property, signs, poles, trees, or plants is not allowed. Please respect the uncluttered views of the park. Any posted signs will be removed immediately by park personnel.
13. Special conveyances, including but not limited to, horse drawn carriages, electric carts, and other devices will need further review and will be restricted to roads and parking lots.
14. In respect of other park visitors, amplified music is prohibited. Acoustic music will be considered. Exceptions may be made for portable tape decks, CD players, etc., if discussed in advance with the Special Use Permit Coordinator. Standing speakers, disc jockeys, public address systems or any other type of amplified device is prohibited.
15. To protect park lands and wildlife, throwing or scattering of rice, bird seed, flowers (to include flower petals, fresh or dried), confetti, streamers or other similar materials is prohibited. The release of animals including birds, butterflies, or other living things is prohibited.
16. The use of bubble machines is prohibited.
17. Helium balloons may not be released within the park nor is the Permittee allowed to use helium balloons as adornments to any park sign, structure, natural or cultural resource.
18. Serving of alcohol or any type of bar service is prohibited.
19. No indoor facility is available for the wedding ceremony, reception, or changing of clothes.
20. Fires, candles, tiki torches, and charcoal grills are prohibited. Sterno or gas grills are allowed.

21. Park areas will be left in the same condition as before the event. All litter, trash, and equipment will be removed from park property by the Permittee upon completion of the event. Permittee will assume all responsibility for cleanup of the site after the ceremony. Please remove any chairs, paper, trash or other items. Please make certain that someone in your group is assigned to remove trash and decorations after your event or you will be billed for staff overtime.
22. The Bride/Groom vehicle may not be decorated with cans, paper, streamers or any other item that may be left behind in the park.
23. Violation of the terms and conditions of the permit may result in the immediate revocation of the permit.

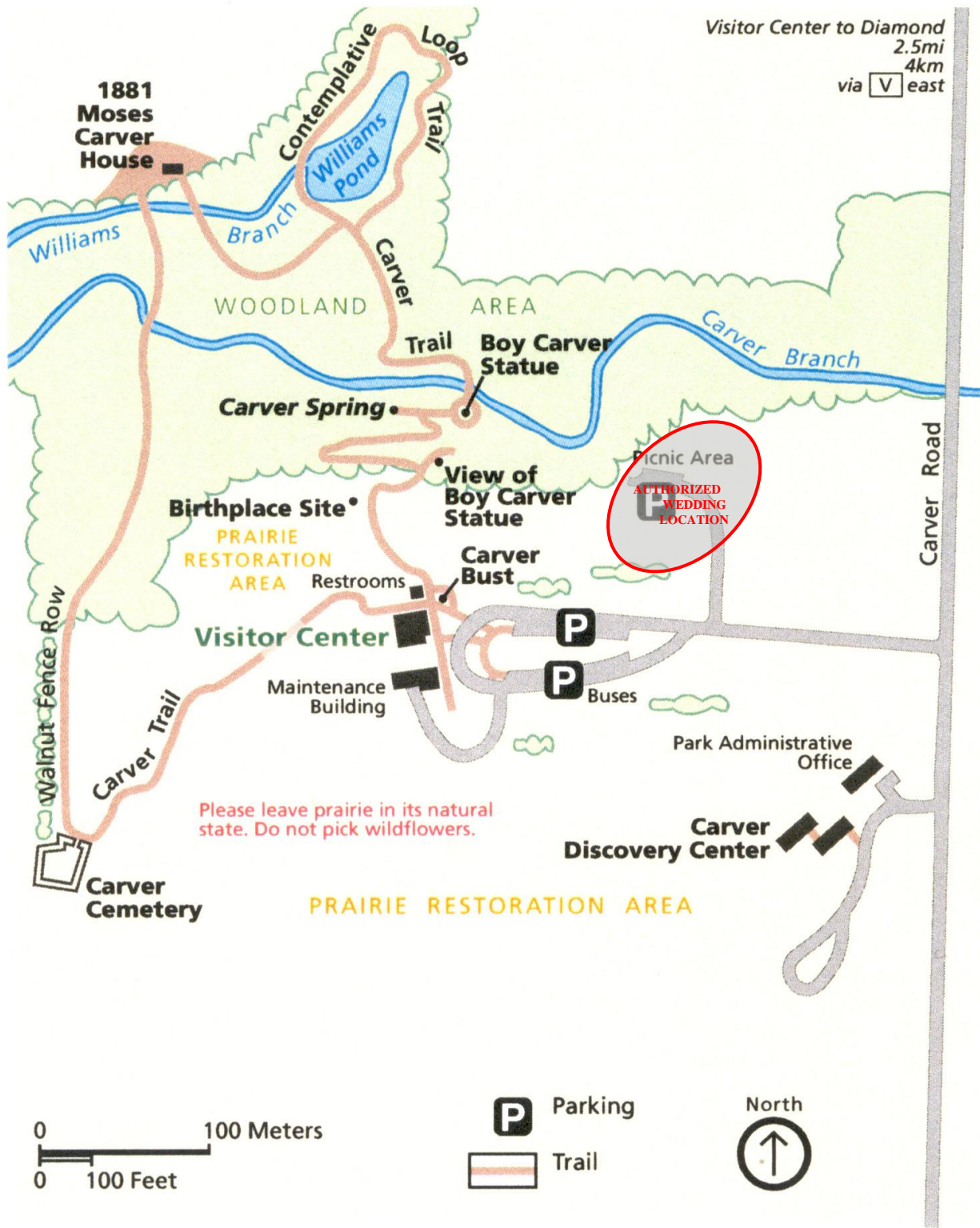
Other stipulations may be added depending on the specific nature of your request.

If you have any questions about the application process or your permit, please contact Special Park Uses Coordinator Randall Becker at (417) 325-4151, or email: randall_becker@nps.gov.

Printed name of Permittee: _____

Agreed to by: _____
Permittee Signature Date

Approved: _____
Superintendent, George Washington Carver NM Date



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George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840
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Revised Application for Special Use Permit

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. For special events, a non-refundable processing fee should be included and your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured. Pursuant to the 2010 NPS Interim Regulations, parks have up to 10 days to process a fully executed application that seeks to engage in a demonstration or the sale or distribution of printed matter.

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
E-mail:	E-mail:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

Requested Location: _____

Date(s): _____

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants _____ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles _____ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

List support personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers): _____

Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights? ☐ Y ☐ N

Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area? ☐ Y ☐ N

Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? ☐ Y ☐ N

(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)

Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? ☐ Y ☐ N

Will you distribute printed material? ☐ Y ☐ N

Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?(If yes, please explain on a separate page.) ☐ Y ☐ N

Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale?
(These activities may require an additional permit.) ☐ Y ☐ N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ Date _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to the Special Park Use Coordinator at the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

Note that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security or taxpayer identification number or activities subject to collection of fees by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701) Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement): This information is being collected subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. This information collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 45 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240